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The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) (October 2019)

The Stockholm Convention (POPs) is a UN treaty to which the United States is not a Party but is an active government observer. The ninth Conference of the Parties in late April/early May decided to list dicofol in Annex A (elimination) of the Convention without exemptions and to list PFOA, its salts, and PFOA-related compounds in Annex A with time-limited exemptions. The Stockholm COP also agreed to amend the listing for PFOS, its salts, and PFOSF, leaving only one non-time limited use and two time-limited

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exemptions. At the next meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC, the Convention's technical committee) in early October, the draft risk management evaluation for PFHxS will be considered, as well as new listing proposals for dechlorane plus and methoxychlor. *(Karissa Kovner, Laura Nazef, Monique Perron; State Department)*

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